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WASHINGTON MELANGE.

The Independents in the Legislature-Patent Railroad Dange Signal-Personal, &c. Correspondence of THE OBSERVER

WASHINGTON, November 19.-On all sides we hear words of regret and sincere respect for the dead ex-President. Coming into the office during a storm, he left it in a period of profound calm. He made a reputation by his not trying to do too much, and doing that in good temper and with as little sectional and political preju-

dice as possible. The Southerners especially speak well of him.

The city has grown quite used to mourning for Presidents and Vice-Presidents. Meeting an old attendant at the capitol today, who was putting up some black goods on the olumns of the Senate fronts, I said: "This is getting to be a frequent thing." "Yes," was the reply; "we've done a good deal of it, and don't now who comes next.

Most of the talk is for Carlisle for peaker, but the close call he had makes some of his friends remark that if he isn't by any mischance chosen as the speaker of the 50th Congress it is contemplated to run and elect him over Mr. Beck for Senator. It is hardly thought that there will be any trouble in having him elected Speaker, as the election contest will make no sort of difference. Really it doesn't matter who appoints the elections committee, as every one has the greatest confidence in Mr. Cartisle's integrity; but it is not considered probable that he will himself constitute the committee. He would wish to leave nothing to be said, and the House would appoint, as without change of rules it could do now in the case of all the committees. Mr. Carlisle is looked for tonight to make arrangements for the Arthur's funeral.

A party of Asheville gentlemen passed through this city, stopping only a short while, on their way to a railroad meeting in Baltimore. Mr. Richmond Pearson was one among the number. I was not able to find and interview him, as I wished, on the subject of the caucus and the speakership. The matter is much talked of here. One gentleman said that while Mr. Pearson would be consed in the caucus as a Democrat, he could not expect to receive party support as a candidate for speaker, and certainly he could not enter the caucus and receive support from other quarters. The general feeling is that the Democrats will organize, or that most of the independents will act with the party. There is no feeling against Mr. Pearson, and the desire is that he may take his place in the ranks of the regular De-

Letters patent were granted on the 16th of this month to Mr. Halcott Pride Jones, of Hillsboro, by Gen. R. B. Vance, acting Comm Patents, and D L. Hawkins, acting Secretary of the Interior, for an improvement in the mode of giving danger signals. His attorney was Mr. R. D. Graham. The object of the invention is to provide a promptly acting and reliable signal of warning and intelligence by a novel combination. When attached to the rear coach of a train of cars, it can be used by the engineer or other person to prevent an accident by collision. As the inventor was aware that folding signals, flags displayed by pivot-ed rods, with a method of loosening catch springs had already been invented; and also that it was not new to connect a stationary and a pivoted standard by a flexible material provided with stay ribs, and that means have been provided for holding the pivoted standard in a closed position, ne founded and secured his claim to invention on the grounds hereinafter teted to-wit: "In a car sigual the nation, with a suitable case, of a fixed and a pivoted standard, a sig-nal flag secured to the standards, cans for holding and releasing the voted standard and a spring at the ched to the pivoted standard at one end and to the case at its other end, substantially as set forth. Second: In a signal car, the comfixed and a pivoted standard, the latter being provided with a neck,

ing provided with a new, ag connecting said standards, rated spring cutch to engage eck, means for releasing the from engagement with the neck a spring for moving the pivoted adard away from the fixed standard, substantially as set forth. hird: In a car signal the vertical stationary standard H, the pivoted standard, the signal flag secured in slits of said standards, as described, the spring standards, and the pivoted standard, the signal standards, as described, the spring standards are the pivoted standard, the signal standards, as described, the spring standards are the pivoted standard, the signal standards are the signal standards are the standard are the standard are take to a south the feeling to the standard are the standard are take to the south to the standard are the stan companying diagram to make per-fectly clear But the signal, let it be explained, is a fan, kept in an upright box-like structure. and is mov-ed by pressure on a spring. While no one feature is strictly or entirely novel, the combination is, and on this claim the patent was granted. It is noticeable that in this case the investor, patentee lawyer and commissioner of patents, were all North

I interviewed today says that he had just left his State, and that the peo-

GENERAL MATTERS AROUT,
THE CAPITAL.

ple were nearly all pleased with administration, and were very far from holding it responsible for losses anywhere. Furthermore, he thought the Democracy and done admirably, ple were nearly all pleased with the taking the country over.

Mr. J. C. Buxton, of Winston, was here a day or two since. Maj. W. H. Hearne, is here,

SHARP WAR ON DANCING.

Pather Mendi Appears Unexpect edly at a Party-He Forbids Dancing, but the Young Folks Keep on-He Then Offers to Buy the Fiddle Strings, but the Musicians Won't Sell Them.

Rehmond state.

Many of the parishioners of the Rev. Father J. F. Mendl, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Montelair, are openly consurring him for what they term his unwarrantable interference with their temporal pleasures. The disagreement dates from Thursday night. The eighteen year-old daughter of Widow Turney, a devout Catholic, invited three dozen of her young friends to attend a dance at the old homestead in Harrison street, near Gates avenue, owned by Broker W. L. Bull of this city, and occupied by the widow on the condition that she shall keep it in order.

Father Mendl heard of the party about an hour after the dancing began, and he hired a carriage and drove rapidly to the big bouse. He rang the bell, and a young woman came to the door and let him in young people were dancing in the parlor to the music of two fiddles played by the Jackson Brothers, musicians of Bloomfield. Father Mendl went through the hall to a room adjoining the parlor, but separated from it by folding doors. The doors were open, and the priest sat down opposite the dancers and gazed.

rated from it by folding doors. The doors were open, and the priest eat down opposite the dancers and gased at them sternly. On his way through the hall he saw Mrs. Turney, and ordered her to stop the dancing and send the dancers home. She firmly, but politely, told him that she would not interfere with the young people's amusement.

the parlor, and the young women ran out into the hall and up the stairs. The priest asked William Turney, the widow's son, if he intended to allow the party to continue dancing. William said he did, and that he thought the clergyman was not justified in attempting to ston it.

the clergyman was not justified in attempting to stop it.

Father Mendl says he then tried to induce the fiddlers to cease fiddling by offering to buy their strings. Miss Turney says the priest said be would pay the fiddlers five dollars for each string if they would stop playing. They refused, saying that the strings were not theirs, as the party had bought them for the evening, and that they would hurt their business if they did not fulfill their contract. The priest asked them how much they would get for playing They said four dollars, and he offered them ten dollars to stop. One of the young dancers, all of whom had crowded around the priest and the musicians, said he would give them eleven dollars to keep on. Young Mr. Turney ordered them to strike up a walts, which they did. Several young lawhich they did. Several young ladies ventured back into the parlor and glided around with their partners. Others followed, and the shufners. Others followed, and the shuf fle of feet soon became general. The priest eparted from the house hur-riedly, and apparantly under great

The parishoners heard nothing more about the matter until Sunday last, when, at the morning service the church, Father Mendl made the church, rather mentil hade to the subject of a little sermon. He said that if the girls and boys who had attended the party at Mrs. Tur-neys went to any other parties of a similar kind he would refuse to administer the sacrament to them. H minister the sacrament to them. He severely censured the parents of the young people and advised them to keep their children away from all dancing parties. He said he would make an effort to prevent any more parties. He said he would make an effort to prevent any more parties at the widow Turney's house. He read this letter which he sent to Mr. Bull on Saturday.

on Saturday:

"I take the liberty to inform you that a number of boys and girls from Orange and, Montolaire and Bloomfield, most of them are mere brats not field, most of them are mere brats not beyond their teens, had a so-called party at your house, near the corner of Gates avenue and Harrison street, at present occupied by Mrs. Turney, on Thurday night. As you will undoubtedly agree with me that such nocturnal carrousal of a crowd of un guarded youngsters is not calculated to improve either the moral condition of the participants or the value of the property in which it is held. I deem it my duty to inform you of the eccurrence, and at the same time to respectfully ask you, as the owner of the property, to take such steps as will prevent a repetition of another such gathering in the future. As almost all the revellers are the ill bred offspring of members of my church, you will understand why I make bold to give you the above information."

CAPE MAY, N. J. Nov. 20.—Fire was discovered here about 1:30 was discovered here about 1:30 o'clock, this morning on the third floor of the hotel Bellevue at Cape May Point. Assistantce was sent from this city but the entire structure was completely burned to the ground. About ten cottages near by, four stores and a lumber yard were also destroyed. Of the cottages about one half were occupied, the others were occupied only in the summer season. Loss not yet estimated. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary as the Bellevue has not been occupied for several months.

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managiment of the Danville system.

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WHAT IT MEANS.

PACE, LOGAN AND SULLY.

terday, and it was not possible to as-certain here who are associated with Pace. Logan and Sully in their pur-chase, that it is believed that they are backed by and associated with northern men of great means, such as George Stone and the Rockafelders.

It is supposed that the new purchasers are friends of Colonel Buford, and that they will retain his valuable services in some high ca-

valuable services in some high capacity

Terminal stock went up yesterday to 65-15; in twenty-four hours.

The Danville stock, which sold yesterday at 1230—that is to say, some of those shares—were sold in 1882 at 51; the average price about that time did not indeed, exceed 65; but since that year the stock has several times change hands, and generally at a steady idvance.

ig Fire in Cincinnati. CINCINNATI. November 20.—Fire broks out at 2:30 o'clock this morning and completely destroyed the fourth lifth and sixth stores of the great clothing houses of Marcus Techemer & Oo., and Mack Stadler & Co., No. 107 and 109 West Third street, opposite the Burnett house. The exact figures of the loss are not known, but is estimated at \$150,000 to \$500,000. It is said \$600,000 insurance was carried by the two houses. Four firemen were injured by being buried in the debris inside the building. tapt Ed. Halsted and Capt. M. J. Higginton were both dangerously and pipeman Kuhn and Cushkamp seriously injured.

THE DANVILLE ROAD.

LOGAN, JAMES B. PACE AND A. S. SULLY PUR-CHASERS OF IT.

General Logan, a native of South Carolina, but ever since the war a citizen of this State, was a Confederdown opposite the dancers and gazed at them sternly. On his way through the hall he saw Mrs. Turney, and ordered her to stop the dancing and send the dancers home. She firmly, but politely, told him that she would not interfere with the young people's amusement.

The disapproving countenance of the piest had no effect on the fiddlers or the young men, but the girls were plainly disconcerted. It was the third square dance of the evening, and the dancers resolutely danced it out Then Father Mendl arose and entered the parlor, and the young women ran out into the hall and up the stairs.

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The Danville stock consists of 50,000 chares at \$100 cach. Previous to yesterday the Logan party had acquired, it is said, about 15,000 chares, but the Scott syndicate held 25,000 chares in a solid block, and insisted upon selling all or none. So Logan, Pace, and Sully, and their associates, whoever they are, agreed to buy the 25,000 chares, for which they paid \$230 a chare, or \$5,750,000. Thus the Danville and the Terminal come together again in the closest possible relations.

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